


ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD


1077375 - R8 SDMS

BRIEFING FOR CAROL RUSHIN

ATSDR/EPA MOU FOR LIBBY

June 5, 2008

PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

- Explain the basic elements of the ATSDR/EPA MOU
- Describe process for informing stakeholders of MOU

PURPOSE OF ATSDR WORK

- o Conduct series of initiative designed to add to the understanding of long-term health effects of exposure to LA

WHAT WILL ATSDR DO

- Spend \$8M (SF monies that is ATSDR's)
- Begin Sept. 2008, continue for 5 years
- Fill gaps in knowledge and research
- Research will help clinicians to care better for people exposed to Libby asbestos amphibole/advance scientific understanding of health effects
- Quantify lower level exposure margins at which health could be affected, including children
- Collaborate w/local organizations in Libby
- Will incorporate many of the epi studies outlined in LAP
- Specifically: (see attached sheet)
 - o Several epi studies
 - o Enhanced systems to track health information
 - o Model what level of exposure leads to health effects

PROCESS FOR INFORMING STAKEHOLDERS

- Series of meetings w/stakeholders week of June 9 in Libby (see Ted's agenda)
- ATSDR will issue press release

CONCERNS

- Does not provide direct health care; careful crafting of title
- R8 may not get direct epi assistance that we requested